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HEREWITH SEGMENT THREE OF NBC TAKEOUT ON CHILE COUP.

NBC -- THIRD SECTION OF THREE REPORTS ON CIA IN CHILE:

CHANCELLOR: "THIS SECTION DEALS WITH THE GENERAL IDEA OF
CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AND MORE SPECI-
FICALLY, WITH WHAT SOME OF OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE
SAID IN PUBLIC ABOUT THE CIA IN CHILE."

GORALSKI: "US INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE HAS RAISED BASIC QUES-
TIONS ABOUT WHAT IS THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND HOW IT CAN
BE DEFENDED. FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY,
SUCCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIONS FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE
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IN SECRET ACTIVITIES ABROAD. THAT VIEW IS BEING SERIOUSLY

CHALLENGED NOW, BECAUSE OF CHILE. IT HAS GENERATED SERIOUS DEBATE. THE POLICY OF CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY WAS DEFENDED ONLY LAST MONTH BY PRESIDENT FORD."

FORD: "OUR GOVERNMENT, LIKE OTHER GOVERNMENTS, DOES TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD TO HELP IMPLEMENT FOREIGN POLICY AND PROTECT NATIONAL SECURITY. I AM INFORMED RELIABLY THAT COMMUNIST NATIONS SPEND VASTLY MORE MONEY THAN WE DO FOR THE SAME KIND OF PURPOSES.

SENATOR FRANK CHURCH: "WE LOWER OURSELVES TO THE RUSSIAN LEVEL WHEN WE GET INTO INTERVENING IN OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS."

GORALSKI: "SENATOR CHURCH IS ONE CONGRESSMAN DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE CIA'S ROLE IN CHILE. HE FEELS WE PAY A HIGH PRICE FOR SUCH SECRET OPERATIONS"

CHURCH: "LOOK WHAT HAPPENED. YOU KNOW, YOU GET TO MOVING WITH THE CIA, UNDERMINING OTHER PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENTS, AND OPERATING WITH A KIND OF INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE, EVEN CONDUCTING SECRET WARFARE, UNKNOWN TO THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND THEN IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME UNTIL THESE SAME METHODS COME HOME. WE'VE ALREADY SEEN THIS; WE'VE SEEN IT IN THE WATERGATE EPISODE, IN THIS PAST TWO YEARS. THAT WHOLE TRAGIC AFFAIR INVOLVED THE SAME SORT OF TECHNIQUES, COMING HOME, THAT WE HAD HABITUALLY COME TO APPLY ABROAD."

GORALSKI: "SENATOR CHURCH'S REFERENCE TO ACTIVITIES UNKNOWN TO CONGRESS IS A POINT MANY LEGISLATORS POINT TO AS THE MOST DISTURBING ELEMENT OF OUR CHILEAN INVOLVEMENT. FROM CIA'S HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON, MORE THAN DOLLAR 8 MILLION WAS DELIVERED TO UNDERMINE THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO CHILEAN INSTABILITY AND VIOLENCE. BUT ONLY RECENTLY HAS THIS COME TO LIGHT. THE CONGRESS FEELS IT WAS LIED TO.

"ON MARCH 22, 1972, THEN SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS SAID, 'THE US DID NOT ACT IN A WRONGFUL MANNER TOWARDS UNCLASSIFIED

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CHILE.' SENATOR STUART SYMINGTON ON FEBRUARY 7, 1973, ASKED THEN CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS, 'DID YOU TRY, IN THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE?' HELMS REPLIED, 'NO, SIR.' SYMINGTON: 'DID YOU HAVE ANY MONEY PASSED TO THE OPPONENTS OF ALLENDE?' AGAIN HELMS ANSWERED, 'NO, SIR.'

"HENRY KISSINGER IN HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS AS SECRETARY

OF STATE LAST YEAR SAID, 'OUR EFFORTS IN CHILE WERE TO STRENGTHEN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.' CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL HARRINGTON OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT HEARINGS ONLY FOUR MONTHS AGO, ASKED A HIGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, 'DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARD POLITICAL DESTABILIZATION OF THE ALLENDE REGIME?' HARRY SCHLAUDEMANN, FORMERLY DEPUTY AMBASSADOR IN CHILE, NOW IN CHARGE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, REPLIED, 'THERE WAS NO SUCH FUNDING. OF THAT I AM QUITE SURE.' CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON: 'WAS THERE A PLAN APPROVED THAT WOULD HAVE AUTHORIZED THE FUNDING?' SCHLAUDEMANN ANSWERED, 'NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE. I NEVER HEARD OF ANY SUCH PLAN.'

"IF CONGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MISLED, CHILE MIGHT NOT BE THE CONCERN IT IS TODAY. THE CONGRESS CONTROLS CIA, AS WILLIAM COLBY, ITS DIRECTOR, EXPLAINED TO ME: 'SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FEEL THAT CONGRESSIONAL CONTROLS OVER THE AGENCY ARE INSUFFICIENT. HOW DO YOU FEEL?' COLBY: 'I THINK THE PRESENT SYSTEM WORKS WELL. THE CONGRESS TODAY HAS INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH ITS PRESENT SYSTEM OF CONTROLS, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 20-ODD YEARS, WHERE THEY HAVE SMALL SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS, WHO GET ALL THE FACTS. ANYTHING THEY WANT TO KNOW, AND I HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO BRING THINGS TO THEIR ATTENTION THAT THEY DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO ASK ABOUT. BUT GENERALLY, I THINK THE SYSTEM HAS WORKED FAIRLY WELL, AND IT'S REALLY UP TO CONGRESS TO DECIDE HOW IT'S GOING TO DO IT. THAT'S THE REFLECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND IT'S THEIR AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE HOW THEY'RE GOING TO EXERCISE THEIR OVERSIGHT.' GORALSKI: 'THE BASIC QUESTION, OF COURSE, MR. COLBY, IS IS THERE ROOM IN A DEMOCRACY FOR AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS

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THE CIA?' COLBY: 'I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OUR DEMOCRACY, BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH THERE ARE THREATS TO OUR COUNTRY, POTENTIAL DANGERS TO OUR COUNTRY. AND IT'S ONLY IF OUR LEADERS CAN KNOW ABOUT THOSE THAT WE CAN EITHER UNDERTAKE THE PREPARATIONS NECESSARY TO DEFEND OURSELVES OR, EVEN BETTER, WE CAN NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE SO THAT THE THREAT IS ELIMINATED AND REMOVED.'

"MOST CONGRESSMEN WOULD PROBABLY AGREE WITH COLBY, ONLY A HANDFUL HAVE PROPOSED THAT THE CIA BE ABOLISHED. THERE HAVE BEEN PROPOSALS TO MAKE SURE MORE CONGRESSMEN KNOW WHAT THE CIA IS DOING AND WHY. BUT DESPITE THE DEBATE OVER CHILE, NO SWEEPING CHANGES ARE FORESEEN."

CHANCELLOR: "THE FACT THAT NO SWEEPING CHANGES OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF THE CIA ARE ON THE HORIZON IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE'VE LEARNED IN THIS SERIES OF SPECIAL REPORTS. SOME CHANGES IN THE OVERSIGHT FUNCTION HAVE BEEN PROPOSED, BUT CRITICS THINK THESE CHANGES WOULD ONLY BE COSMETIC. CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON SAYS THE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT THE CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CIA ARE, BY AGE AND ATTITUDE, INCLINED TO GO ALONG WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, ESPECIALLY IN FOREIGN POLICY. HARRINGTON SEES NO REAL PROSPECT FOR CHANGE."

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